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State Capitol Museum Volunteers Wanted

SACRAMENTO – On Wednesday, November 14, the California State Capitol Museum will host a Volunteer Recruitment Seminar focusing on the joys and benefits of being a volunteer at the State Capitol Museum. People interested in volunteering their time to share government history, lead historic room tours, greet visitors, interpret historic rooms, work at the information desk and re-enact historic events are welcome at this seminar.

Learn what is required to be a State Park volunteer at the State Capitol Museum. Hear personal experiences from current volunteers, understand training requirements, ask questions and have opportunity to apply for a State Capitol Museum volunteer position.

More than one million visitors each year come to the California State Capitol. State Capitol Museum volunteers are usually the first to greet these visitors. Often dressed in period attire, volunteer docents answer questions and discuss history with visitors. On special occasions such as Governor's Day or Election Day volunteers re-enact historic events in Museum rooms.

During training, candidates are encouraged to participate in one or more Museum programs. Volunteers may choose to research historic events, serve as Museum tour guides or participate in hands-on, interactive educational programs for school groups just to name a few. Volunteer training represents a serious commitment, but the hours are flexible—and the rewards can be tremendous.

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Prospective volunteers will be interviewed in January. Successful candidates will begin training classes in February. Training is offered free of charge. An annual Volunteer Recognition Banquet and the chance to meet new, interesting people are just a few great benefits. Additionally perks for those who choose to join the State Capitol Museum Volunteer Association include discounted parking while on duty.

For further details about volunteering at the California State Capitol Museum, or to register for the seminar, please call (916) 324-0312, x272 or email: plarsen@parks.ca.gov.

About the California State Capitol Museum

The California State Capitol Museum is operated by California State Parks under contract to and supported by the California State Legislature, with additional assistance from the non-profit California State Capitol Museums Volunteer Association. Open daily, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's for guided and self-guided tours of the Capitol Building and its extensive outdoor gardens, the Museum is located in the California State Capitol, in downtown Sacramento on 10th Street between L and N Streets. For more information, call (916) 324-0333 or visit <http://www.capitolmuseum.ca.gov>.

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